The Honorable John H. Chun 1 The Honorable Richard A. Jones 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 5 AT SEATTLE 6 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE 7 NO. 3:22-cv-005150JHC COMMISSION, 8 NOTICE OF RELATED CASE Plaintiff, 9 v. 10 STEPHEN ALEXANDER BAIRD and S-RAY INCORPORATED, 11 Defendants, 12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NO. CR23-017RAJ 13 14 Plaintiff, NOTICE OF RELATED CASE 15 v. 16 STEPHEN ALEXANDER BAIRD, 17 Defendant. 18 19 The United States of America respectfully submits the following Notice of Related 20 Case pursuant to Local Rule CrR 13(b): 21 On March 15, 2022, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil 22 securities fraud action against S-Ray, Incorporated and its former Chief Executive 23 Officer, Stephen Baird (the "SEC Action"). The SEC Action was assigned to the 24 Honorable John H. Chun under cause number 3:22-cv-005150JHC. 25 The SEC Action alleges that Baird defrauded investors out of at least \$2 million 26 between 2018 and 2021 by making false representations in connection with his sales of S-27

Ray stock. Baird told investors that S-Ray was developing dental devices that would use ultrasound technology to image patients' mouths. The Complaint alleges Baird made false statements about anticipated sales and revenue, and improperly diverted investment funds to himself and his wife.

Neither defendant responded to the SEC Action. On January 6, 2023, Judge Chun entered a default judgment ordering financial and injunctive relief against Baird and S-Ray. Dkt. 28.

On February 8, 2023, the grand jury returned an Indictment charging Baird with ten counts of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (the "Criminal Action"). The Criminal Action was assigned to the Honorable Richard A. Jones under cause number CR23-017RAJ. Like the SEC Action, the Criminal Action alleges that Baird defrauded investors by making misrepresentations in connection with the sale of S-Ray stock. The Indictment alleges Baird's misrepresentations included false statements about the state of S-Ray's product development, regulatory status, and the scope of the company's intellectual property. The Indictment also alleges Baird diverted millions of dollars of investor funds to his personal use. The Indictment alleges Baird defrauded investors out of over \$10.75 million between 2012 and 2021.

For these reasons, the SEC Action and the Criminal Action share common issues of fact and law. Accordingly, consistent with Local Rule CR13(b),<sup>1</sup> the United States hereby provides notice to the Court that the two matters captioned above are related. The government takes no position as to whether the cases should be assigned to a common judge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By its terms, Local Criminal 13(b) applies only where the related cases are both criminal proceedings. However, it is the practice of the United States Attorney's Office to file a notice of related case when a criminal fraud case involves the same subject matter as an SEC enforcement action because many of the same issues of judicial economy are implicated.

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